

Chapter Four

Indiana Modified Achievement Standards Test (IMAST)

Federal law (IDEA 2008) and state law require that all students participate in Indiana's assessment system. For most students with special needs, this law requires participation in ISTEP+ assessments with or without accommodations. For students with disabilities, however, the Case Conference Committee may determine that the *Indiana Modified Achievement Standards Test (IMAST)* is the most appropriate assessment instrument. IMAST is the only modified assessment that is recognized in Indiana for the purpose of statewide accountability.

The Purpose of IMAST Assessments in Grades 3-8

The purpose of IMAST is to measure student achievement in the subject areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students who participate in IMAST in lieu of ISTEP+ are expected to earn a high school diploma prior to exiting high school, either by demonstrating proficiency on required graduation examinations or through the waiver process. IMAST reports student achievement levels according to the *Indiana Academic Standards* that were adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education. IMAST is presented in a multiple-choice only format and is administered to students whose Case Conference Committee determines they meet the eligibility criteria adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education. Therefore the goals listed in the student's Case Conference Committee report include content standards for the grade in which the student is enrolled. The student's academic goals will be the same as non-disabled peers at grade-level or will generally be aligned to grade-level curriculum. This criteria is available at:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/assessment/imastcriteria.pdf>.

Structure and Content of IMAST for 2013-2014

Testing personnel should note the following regarding the administration of the 2013-2014 IMAST Assessment:

1. Grade 3 IMAST consists of one assessment book for English/language arts and mathematics.
2. Grades 4-8 IMAST consist of an assessment book and an answer book.
3. Grades 3-8 IMAST assessments are comprised of multiple-choice questions only.
4. Science and social studies questions are incorporated into the corresponding student assessment books for the appropriate grade levels; these content areas are not located in a separate assessment book.
5. The mathematics portion of the assessment has the following structure:
 - a. Students in grades 6-8 are allowed to use calculators on both test sessions.
 - b. Students are **not** required to use a copy of the Reference Sheet during the test, as any formulas and/or conversions needed to answer a test question are embedded within the structure of the test question.

Testing Accommodations

The approved ISTEP+ accommodations outlined in *Appendix C* apply to IMAST. The provision of these testing accommodations may be administered by classroom teachers in addition to program area staff (i.e., EL teacher). Teachers need to be made aware of each student's allowable accommodations.

The Case Conference Committee determines, based on the eligibility criteria adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education and the student's individual and unique needs, whether a student with a disability will be assessed with IMAST. This criteria is available at:

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The Case Conference Committee should consider which content area(s) of IMAST the student will participate in and whether appropriate accommodations, including assistive technology, need to be addressed and documented.

The Indiana Department of Education will utilize these criteria when reviewing or monitoring student education records for the purpose of determining eligibility to be assessed on modified achievement standards and including modified assessment data in federal and state accountability determinations.

IMAST Assessment Window for 2013-2014

Window	Dates	Administration
IMAST	April 28 – May 9, 2014	Paper-and-Pencil

For additional information, please access <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/imast-grades-3-8>.